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In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, the period for response to which is extended to June 13, 2003 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

Applicants do not believe that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

REMARKS

Claims 47-76 are pending in this application, with claims 47, 60, and 71 being independent claims. Claims 47-50, 52, 54, 56-60, 71-73, and 75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,642,469 to Hannaford et al. ("the Hannaford patent"). Claims 51, 53, 55, 61-70, 74, and 76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being